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The 2002 revisions become operative on **1 January 2002** and affects 68 of the 98 chapters in the classification, either through note changes, classification changes or both. Extensive revisions have been made to Petroleum (chapter 27), Chemicals (chapter 29), Hides and skins (chapter 41), and Paper and paper products (chapter 48). In these chapters, the structure of the classification has been altered. In some instances, the WCO has kept the same codes even where there has been a change in the content of that category in the 2002 version. Users of the classification need to be aware of such instances.

In the hierarchy of the HS there were no changes made to either the description or the number of chapters. There has been an increase of 3 in the number of 4-digit HS headings and an increase of 111 in the number of 6-digit HS headings. As a signatory to the HS convention, it is mandatory for Australia to implement the revised international classification in its entirety on 1 January 2002.

Chapter 27, Petroleum, now separately identifies waste oils. In chapter 29, Chemicals, the basis of the classification has changed from a chemical composition description to a mixture of end-use and chemical composition descriptions. In both chapters there has been no reuse of classification codes where categories have changed content.

Chapter 41, Hides and skins, now incorporates the concept of reversible tanning. Reversible tanning means a hide or skin, which after being washed returns to an unprocessed state and without further tanning processes will begin deteriorating. In industry terms this means a hide or skin that has had no further processing past alum sulphating, leaving the reverse side of the hide or skin coloured white (or close to white). The statistical codes now distinguish between raw skins, not processed beyond drying or salting, and those skins which are partially processed, that is, not a raw skin.

In chapter 48, Paper and paper products, the WCO has placed emphasis on identifying types of paper and the level of processing the paper has undergone, for example bleaching, in the 6-digit structure. In chapters 41 and 48, several of the 1996 HS classification headings have been reused for the 2002 HS version, even though a change in scope of those classification headings has occurred.

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IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE

Notification of new classification structure for 2002	
Exports	28 December 2001
Imports	28 December 2001
Release of revised Customs Tariff	13 December 2001
Release of revised AHECC	13 December 2001
Release of revised AHECC on ABS web site	13 December 2001
Implementation date	1 January 2002

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IMPORTS NEW CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE












Proposed classification changes for imports were released in September 2001. Stakeholder consultation occurred during the month of September 2001 and the new import classification structure is now available for system updates.











The page set-up of the New Export Classification Structure files are:

- on the **left hand side** of the page, the current classification structure is shown. The codes being changed are identified by being underlined;
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- the concordance has been included so that users are able to identify to which classification particular commodities will be concorded as of 1 January 2002; and,

- in some cases there has been a classification description change and a concordance will not be shown.

Imports

SECTION NUMBER	SECTION DESCRIPTION	SECTION FILE
Section 1	Live animals; animal products	 HTISC2002 S01_1.pdf
Section 2	Vegetable products	 HTISC2002 S02_1.pdf
Section 3	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	 HTISC2002 S03_2.pdf
Section 4	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar, tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	 HTISC2002 S04_1.pdf
Section 5	Mineral products	 HTISC2002 S05_1.pdf
Section 6	Products of the chemical or allied industries	 HTISC2002 S06_2.pdf
Section 7	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	 HTISC2002 S07_1.pdf
Section 8	Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travelgoods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	 HTSIC2002 S 08_1.pdf
Section 9	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork	 HTISC2002 S09_1.pdf
Section 10	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; waste and scrap of paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	 HTISC2002 S10_1.pdf
Section 11	Textiles and textile articles	 HTISC2002 S11_1.pdf

Section 12 Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	 HTISC2002 S12_1.pdf
Section 13 Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	 HTISC2002 S13_2.pdf
Section 14 Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	 HTISC2002 S14_1.pdf
Section 15 Base metals and articles of base metal	 HTISC2002 S15_1.pdf
Section 16 Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	 HTISC2002 S 16_1.pdf
Section 17 Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	 HTISC2002 S17_1.pdf
Section 18 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	 HTISC2002 S18_1.pdf
Section 19 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	 HTISC2002 S19_1.pdf
Section 20 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	 HTISC2002 S20_2.pdf
Section 21 Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	 HTISC2002 S21_1.pdf

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NEW EXPORT CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE FOR 2002

Proposed classification changes for exports were released in March 2001. Stakeholder consultation occurred in March and April 2001 and the new export classification structure is now available for system updates. The ABS will be releasing a manuscript copy and a website version of the AHECC classification on 13 December 2001, containing the final version of the classification.

Since the original release on 3 September there have been small changes to the classification.







They are:













- **0403.90.00 Other** has been renumbered to **0403.90.90 Other**, as a statistical code was identified as having being incorrectly allocated;
- an ABS heading in **2309.10** has been changed to **canned, pressure or vacuum sealed**;
- chapter 24 has been updated to reflect changes in the Excise Act 1901, specifically to identify the number of cigarette sticks in sub-headings **2402.10** and **2402.20**;
- chapter **29** has been substantially reviewed;
- chapter 48 concordance has been revised for new code **4801.00.02**; and,
- chapters **61** and **62** structure and concordances have been updated to reflect unit of quantity changes.

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Section 19 Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof



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